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At a conference held at The American Numismatic Society's building, at 2.30 P. M., December 12th, 1916, the following were present: Judson Brenner, A. N. A., Carl Wurtzbach, A.N.A., Howland Wood, A.N.A., A.N.S., Henry Russell Drowne, A.N.S., Edward T. Newell, A.N.A., A.N.S., and John Reilly, Jr., A.N.A., A.N.S.

After extended examination and discussion of a number of charges and countercharges against members of the American Numismatic Association and The American Numismatic Society, and of numerous improper demands of members of these bodies upon their officers, it was unanimously agreed to recommend for adoption by the Board of Governors of the A.N.A. and the Council of the A.N.S. the following conclusions, that,

Whereas, numerous complaints have been made, from time to time, alleging improper conduct, erroneous classifications and misleading advertising by certain members, and concerning the collection of commercial accounts; and,

Whereas, the continuance of these practices is a detriment to the progress of numismatics and a hinderance to the growth of numismatic and kindred societies, and,

Whereas, the Board of Governors of the American Numismatic Association and the Council of The American Numismatic Society view the above practices with such grave concern as to merit a conference of both bodies to take such action as may be necessary to meet such occurrences;

Therefore, for the protection and comfort of all our members, we insist that,

- (1) Charges against a member for any alleged

criminal offense must be accompanied by the evidence of his conviction in a legal court of competent jurisdiction.

It is beyond our power to sit as such a court:

(2) Charges for improper conduct must be accompanied by complete proofs;

(3) We can not be called upon for the purpose of collecting, or adjusting, any commercial, or private, accounts, nor for the settling of personal disputes, or differences; and,

(4) We strongly discountenance and disapprove of all misleading advertisements, or statements which might deceive, including erroneous classifications, as to rarity, condition, etc.

Approved by the
Board of Governors
of the A. N. A.
December , 1916.

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Council of the A. N. S.
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President.

Secretary.

April 27th, 1920.

To the Governors,

 The American Numismatic Society,

Gentlemen:-

For the information of your Board I beg to submit herewith a letter from Mr. J. Sanford Saltus, together with a copy of the letter addressed to him by the Committee on the Publication of Medals. Mr. Newell, who expects to see Mr. Saltus before returning, early in June, has been kept informed by having copies of both communications sent him.

Respectfully submitted.

Secretary.

Examiners

January 13, 1921

To the Governors of the American Numismatic Society -

Gentlemen:

I would respectfully make formal application for leave of absence during the coming summer.

As you will recall, this is to apply on account of my Sabbatical year, which although not due until November of the present year, is arranged for in order that the second portion of Mr. Wood's leave of absence may be granted in the summer of 1922, in accordance with his request.

It is my purpose to sail about April 23rd and to return as near September 1st as can be conveniently arranged.

Part of the time abroad will be spent in numismatic study, including several weeks at the British Museum, and especially in Paris and Italy. I shall attempt to locate desirable items for our library.

There have been no further developments regarding the remainder of the plan outlined, but I trust that this will be in more definite shape before I leave.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

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Governors

New York, March 8th, 1921.

To the Governors of The American Numismatic Society.

At the March evening meeting of the Society held Monday, the 7th, a motion was made at the close of the meeting that the Governors and the Council of The American Numismatic Society express to the American Geographical Society their appreciation for ^{the} courtesy extended us in the use of the American Geographical Society's lecture room for our meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Sydney P. Noe

April 14th, 1921

To the Governors of the Numismatic Society -

Mr. Wood suggests that there may be a sale for the Babelon volume "Les Médailles Historiques du Règne de Napoleon..." during the exhibition of Mr. Powell's collection. Several years ago, the Council authorized the sale of this volume to members for \$6.00, or in conjunction with the Catalogue of the International Exhibition of Contemporary Medals for \$10.00.

It is possible that by fixing the price of \$10 on the volume, we might sell some copies.

Do the Governors feel that this would be advisable? The proceeds would go to the Library fund through a former action of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

New York, September 7th, 1921.

To the Governors,

The American Humaniatic Society.

Gentlemen:

On August 27th we received from Mr. J. Sanford Saltus the following cablegram:-

"Marshal Foch will visit New York in October. Have Society strike medal of him at my expense."

Mr. Hewell after consulting with the members of the Publication of Medals Committee, decided that the acceptance of this generous offer was the only course open to us, and the Publication of Medals Committee authorized Mr. Wood and myself in so far as possible to complete arrangements to have Mr. Robert Aitkin design this medal.

Several factors entered into this decision. One being the availability of Mr. Aitkin, and his readiness to begin immediately with the work. Another factor was the rapidity with which he works.

It is hoped to have the medal ready for presentation before Marshal Foch leaves the United States, and should it prove impossible to have the first struck copy ready by that time Mr. Weil informs us that he can prepare a galvano from the wax reduction, and that this can be presented with the explanation that the actual medal will follow as soon after as is possible.

Silver and bronze copies will be offered for subscription as usual.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary.

December, 1921

To the Governors of the American Numismatic Society:

Gentlemen:

The accompanying letter and poster explain themselves. Miss Levy called at the Museum about two weeks ago, and I informed her at the time that I did not believe our Society was in a position to accept her offer. My reasons are four-fold -

1. The charge seems excessive.
2. We have no funds for this purpose.
3. Returns would be probably slight and indirect.
4. A large proportion of these posters will be distributed in schools whose pupils, even in High School grades, are hardly prepared to profit by the study of our Collection.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

A meeting of the governors was held in the Society's library April 25th 1923 at 4 P.M.

Present. Messrs Drowne, Field, Newell and Reilly.
The minutes of the meeting on March 10th were read and approved.

The question of building up a collection of lantern slides was discussed at length.

Suggestion was made that slides could be made when illustrations for our publications are done. This would furnish some text for the slides.

Mr Field is experimenting with a "jeweler's camera", which may prove best for our work.

It was announced that the mayor would be received by the American Federation of Arts on the Terrace at 3.30 P.M. May 3rd. Messrs Newell, Reilly and Wood expect to be present at that time. The occasion to be quite informal.

Mr Newell announced that the Wyman Indian Medals had been procured for \$1800.- advanced from our treasury. About \$500.- had already been paid or pledged, the remainder guaranteed by a few councillors. A circular appeal would be issued to raise the remainder.

The inscriptions on the council badges were approved.

The closing hours during the sculpture exhibition were left to the officers to determine.

It was recommended that the Spring business meeting be omitted, because there is little or no business and the building is occupied by the sculpture exhibition. In place of the regular meeting a special meeting is suggested in the form of a reception and award of the Saltus medal, extending our invitation to the National Sculpture Society.

The treasurer presented the statement for the first quarter of this year and showed a probable scarcity of funds before August.

It was announced that a Mrs. Wick had presented us with a couple of hundred coins and medals, many of which were not in our cabinet. The secretary was instructed to express our gratitude to Mrs. Wick.

Adjourned 5 30 P.M.

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